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The Principal Attends Land Grant College Association

Principal W. R. Banks attended the Negro Land Grant College Association of America held in Washington from November 22 to November 29.

Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College is a member of the association and the largest land grant institution belonging to the organization.

Principal W. R. Banks attended the Interracial Commission meeting recently held in Dallas and attended the Negro Land Grant College Association held in Washington, D. C., November 22-29.

The Cabinet and Faculty

The following advices and considerations were given by the cabinet or the general faculty in their recent sessions held under call of Principal W. R. Banks:

1. It was advised that the best lectures and artists obtainable be brought before the college.

2. The cabinet approved the suggestion that able, outstanding ministers be secured to hold meetings at the college during the spring, the same not to conflict with the regular college work.

3. The Principal urged better scholarship and better execution of the plans laid down for the guidance and the education in the various courses. "Whatever we are and whatever we are doing," said the Principal, "we must function 100 per cent."

4. It was advised that brick-masonry be taught at the college and the matter of paying the instructor was referred to Mr. C. W. Lewis, local treasurer.

5. Teachers were admonished to make daily preparations of

the lessons they would teach and to consult the college library.

6. Prof. J. J. Abernethy advised that most of the material for the construction of the new hospital was on hand and that the construction work was going forward.

7. Dr. E. B. Evans and Prof. R. B. Atwood were thanked for the "Wise and Otherwise," and the Principal commended the Panther, the student publication and advised that the Prairie View Standard would continue and would be the mouthpiece of the college, published by the college.

8. The Principal commended the agricultural extension report of Prof. C. H. Waller and suggested that the report should be given wider publicity.

9. Prof. C. H. Waller made a report of the disposition of the Relief Fund collected to aid students who lost in the hospital fire. He said that \$1007.24 had been collected to date and that the disposition of the funds had been published in the Houston Informer.

10. The Principal expressed gratification over the action of the alumni and former students in offering its services in sponsoring the Fiftieth Anniversary of the college and the first inauguration of the Principal, in 1929. It was advised that the college and the alumni would co-operate in making the events of great importance; that the board of directors would favor the movement; that all colleges be invited and outstanding educators be assigned on program for the occasion; that the task of putting over the anniversary and inaugural exercises be assumed by the college; and that a joint committee composed of the college and the alumni should be formed in the interest

of the exercises.

Langstons Vs. Prairie View

The clash between Langston University and Prairie View State College, football forces, was witnessed by 2000 students, teachers and visitors, November 2, 1928, according to estimates.

The kickoff began at 2:30 in the afternoon and the contest was controlled by Mr. Frank Young, sports editor of the Chicago Defender, who acted as Field Judge.

Taken all in all, the Prairie View crew led the Langston machine in every detail of the pigskin art and had the trophy in their grasp until near the close of the final quarter when Langston handed the Prairie View line-up a bow tie of 19 to 19 and held them to the count until the close of the thrilling chapter.

Prairie View Vs. Wiley College

The foot ball troupe of Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College was defeated by the Wiley aggregation at Marshall, Texas, November 25, 15 to 19.

It was reported to the Standard that Prairie View led 15 to 13 up to within six minutes of the close of final quarter when Wiley made the increase which awarded her the victory.

An unusual number of teachers and students witnessed the contest at Marshall, going on train and by automobile.

Freshman Vs. Sophomore

In the interclass clash between the freshman and sophomore foot ball teams, November 30, the freshman team was victorious, 6 to 0.

The freshmen made the score in the second quarter and held the sophomores to nothing until the closing chapter.

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PRESIDENT F. M. LAW FAVORS CELEBRATING FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PRAIRIE VIEW

November 7rd, 1928.

Professor W. R. Banks, Principal, Prairie View State Normal & Industrial College, Prairie View, Texas.
Dear Professor Banks:

Someone was kind enough to send me a copy of "The Prairie View Standard," from which I note that it is proposed to celebrate next year in a befitting manner the Fiftieth Anniversary of Prairie View.

The idea appeals to me and I am writing you this note to say that I feel sure the Board of Directors will gladly co-operate with you in your plans. Let us know if there is any special thing that we can do.

Would it not be a good idea to secure as speaker for this occasion one of the country's most outstanding educators in the colored race? An institution does not have a fiftieth anniversary very often and the opportunity should not be lost to make it a real event.

Very truly yours,

F. M. Law

The above letter is from the President of the Board of Directors governing the A. and M. system of colleges including Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College. Every graduate and former student will be stirred with gratitude on reading the broad attitude and liberal assurances from President F. M. Law on behalf of the directorate.

Under the circumstances and with such assurances of assistance, the exercises for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the college and the inauguration of Prof. W. R. Banks as principal, will not only be an overwhelming certainty; but it will also be one of the greatest events in educational circles among our group in Texas for the past fifty years.

The Standard believes that every

suggestion of President Law will be carried out both in spirit and letter and desires to thank him and the officials associated for the advices and for the continuation of their interest in the anniversary movement.

In reply to the above letter Principal W. R. Banks wrote as follows:

November 7, 1928.

Mr. F. M. Law,
The First National Bank of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Law:

We are greatly encouraged to know that you are in sympathy with the suggestion of Prairie View celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in some appropriate time next year. We should most certainly be pleased to have the co-operation of the Board of Directors.

Just as soon as I can free my hands of matters pertaining to the Colored State Teachers' Association, I shall begin to lay plans to get in touch with the many thousands of ex-Prairie View students with a view of having this significant group make some substantial contribution to their alma mater on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary. It runs in my mind that we should be able to raise several thousand dollars by next May from our ex-students. I believe such a project as a "Y" building or a gymnasium would form the basis of a very excellent appeal to them. I feel the time has now come when the ex-students of Prairie View should manifest their appreciation for their Institution in a significant way, because up to this date they have done nothing. It is my conviction, that if this movement is carefully planned and properly handled it should net pleasing results.

We should be pleased to have you from time to time make suggestions regarding this subject that you think advisable. I am,

Yours truly,

W. R. Banks,
Principal.

COL. CASTLE INSPECTS CADET CORPS

The cadet corps of Prairie View State College was inspected Thursday morning, November 8 on Blackshear Field by Col. Castle, R. O. T. C. officer of the 8th Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston; Major J. E. Sloan, and Captain A. M. Guidera of the A. and M. College.

Col. Castle and the A. and M. officials reached Prairie View about 10 o'clock and began inspection immediately. The Prairie View corps consists of four companies and a band commanded locally by Sgt. William Banks of the United States Army.

Col. Castle and the A. and M. officials were joined in the inspection by Principal W. R. Banks and Dean W. H. Evans.

THE \$100,000 HOSPITAL

The foundation for the new college hospital on West Campus has been completed and the superstructure is going up as rapidly as circumstances will permit. The hospital will be fire proof and will have accommodations for sixty or seventy inmates. According to the plans, the structure when completed will be, no doubt, the equal if not the best hospital for our group in the United States.

The hospital is the result of the gift of \$100,000 to the college, recently, by Hon. John D. Rockefeller through the General Education Board, New York City. The hospital is not only timely and represents one of the greatest present needs of the college, but it is one of the finest evidences of the liberal mindedness and broad charitableness of men who have large means.

The hospital shall be a blessing not only to the college, but its service to humanity will in time be felt even beyond the confines of the State.

The Negroes of Texas as well as the authorities of the college deeply appreciate this new hospital and shall prove worthy, by their reaction to its redeeming influences, of the great benefaction bestowed.

THE PRAIRIE VIEW STANDARD

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W. Rutherford Banks.....Principal
Napoleon B. Edward.....Executive Secretary

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Acceptance for mailing at special rates of postage provided for in section 103, Act of October 3, 1917; authorized July 13, 1918.

"LYRICS OF THE LOWLY"

Above is the title of a new book, "Lyrics of the Lowly," that has been recently edited and published by Napoleon B. Edward, executive secretary, and editor of the Prairie View Standard. Mr. Edward has received his certificate of copyright for the book duly authorized by the Librarian of Congress.

"Lyrics of the Lowly" contains 88 poems and is bound in cloth. The book is being used in libraries and in the exercises of the public schools throughout the state, and is meeting commendation and approval by some of the best educated men and women in educational circles.

Among other letters which may be published also, Prof. Charles E. Carpenter, M. L., University of California; Prof. James C. McMorries, M. A., M. R. E., Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; and Prof. W. E. Banks, A. M., Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, principal of Prairie View State College made the following statements in commendation of the book:

Prairie View Campus

July 18, 1928.

While casually perusing the little volume entitled "Lyrics of the Lowly," I came upon some little nuggets of poetic thought and fervor. The easy flow of many of the rhymes sing themselves into your meditative thought.

Chas. E. Carpenter

July 23, 1928.

I have purchased and read with a good deal of pleasure the little volume entitled, "Lyrics of the Lowly," by Prof. Napoleon B. Edward. I wish to commend it in the highest terms

to all who love poetry and plain folk.
J. C. McMorries,
Prairie View State College.
Prairie View, Texas

October 8, 1928.

Mr. N. B. Edward,
Campus.

Dear Sir:

I have carefully read the volume of poems you handed me this summer entitled "Lyrics of the Lowly" and, I believe, you have a production that has considerable literary merit. I believe this volume of poems should find its way into the hands of all our teachers in Texas, so that it might become a part of the public school children's literature. I heartily commend this book and your untiring efforts to bring it before the public.

Yours truly,

W. R. Banks, Principal.

The book can be had locally for One Dollar and by mail for One Dollar and Fifteen Cents each. Should you like to have the book write:

Napoleon B. Edward,

P. O. Box 546,

Prairie View State College,

Prairie View, Texas.

Prairie View Closes First Quarter

The first quarter's examinations began November 26 and closed November 28 inclusive. The second quarter began December 3.

A statement from the office of the Registrar shows the enrollment in all the phases of the institution as follows: Education 461; Home Economics 269; Agriculture 126; Mechanic Arts, 23; Nurses 32; Specials 49; Eighth, Ninth and Tenth grades 26; Practice School 55, Total 1,042.

Applications to enter the college at the beginning of the second quarter indicate a considerable increase over the enrollment of the first quarter. It is estimated that the enrollment for the second quarter will exceed 1200.

Mr. A. D. Ewell, college bandmaster, has had several practices with the new band he is training for this session. Some of the older members of the band have graduated from college and will not return; but there is a number of new members Mr. Ewell thinks will take the places of the old quite satisfactorily.

PRAIRIE VIEW STUDENT RANKS HIGH IN KANSAS COLLEGE

Mr. Francis Glen Fry
Bastrop, Texas.

Dear Mr. Fry:

It is a pleasure to inform you that you will be exempt, during the academic year 1928-29, from the College rule requiring regular attendance at classes. Your exemption is granted by the Council of Deans because of your excellent scholarship record during the second semester of the academic year 1927-28.

The action of the Council of Deans is based on a desire to encourage superior scholarship by granting increased freedom to superior students. You have demonstrated that you have qualities that deserve special recognition and indicated that you are sufficiently mature to be master of your own time. We have every confidence that you will not abuse the privileges that are being accorded to you.

It is a special pleasure to me to send a copy of this letter to your mother, Mrs. P. A. Fry, for I am sure she will be pleased to learn of your excellent performance as a student at K. S. A. C.

With all good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

F. D. Farrell, President.

Mr. Francis Glen Fry is a graduate of Prairie View State College, Prairie View, Texas. His high rank in this famous Northwestern institution is attributable in large measure to the efficiency of the training offered at Prairie View.

The graduates of Prairie View State College are showing commendable scholarship and good behavior in other than the Kansas institution and there is every reason for Texas as well as Kansas to be gratified.

Mrs. L. H. Edward Begins School New Building Goes Up

Mrs. Louise H. Edward, B. S., an alumnus of the college, opened the Johnson School near Hempstead, Texas, for the third year, October 8, 1928.

A new school building is going up for Johnson School and Mrs. Edward is more hopeful of educational progress for that community than she has been heretofore.

There is a greater interest being taken in the cause of education in general and its influence is being felt throughout the community.

REV. E. H. BORDEN

Taking his text from James 5:17, "Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are," Rev. E. H. Borden, pastor of Live Oak Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas, preached to the college Sunday morning, November 11, at 10:30. Prof. James C. McMorries, A. M., M. R. E., college chaplain presided. Music was rendered by the college choir directed by the music directors, Miss O. E. Ross and Miss L. H. Minor. Scripture was read and prayer was offered by Prof. Z. W. Carroll, A. B., B. S., associate professor of Spanish.

In the course of his sermon Rev. Borden said: "I congratulate you upon the Bible study you have here. We must have a positive program for the young if we would win and keep them from sin and folly." "What we need to-day is the church to get into the people," said Rev. Borden, "rather than for the people to get into the church."

The Beaumont minister then took up Elijah and discussed him from three angles, namely: rural, rugged, and righteous and dwelt at length on the isolation and loneliness of the prophet with God and decried the tendency of over-society activities in modern times, saying that it separates the people from God and subjects them to sin.

ARMISTICE DAY

The activities of the college ceased and Armistice Day, November 12, was observed.

In the morning at 10 o'clock under the general command of Sgt. William Banks, U. S. A., and Lieut. Will H. Evans, dean of men, four companies of the cadet battalion engaged in a competitive drill, the award being a "Loving Cup." The competitive drill was held on Blackshear Field following a demonstration by the cadet band.

The award was won by Company "D" and was presented by W. S. Willis, Grand Chancellor of the Colored Knights of Pythias of Texas.

The drill was witnessed by the entire college and several hundred visitors who had come early in the day to witness the Armistice Day Program.

At 2:30 p.m. fully 2500 people had assembled on the college stadium to witness the football feat between the Bishop Bears and the Prairie View

Panthers. The Panthers were defeated, the scores being 19 and 6 in favor of the Bears.

The game was thrilling and interesting from beginning to end and both teams played courageous and systematic ball, but the edges were slightly in favor of the visiting team who carried an almost impregnable line all through the four quarters.

PRAIRIE VIEW ANNOUNCES STUDIES FOR 1928-29

The Bureau of Research recently established at Prairie View State College has just announced the problems which it will study for the academic year 1928-29. Investigation has already begun and the field workers are busy gathering reliable data. The studies will be based on objective or impersonal findings, and all evidence will be treated with the highest possible scientific poise and temper. Most thorough-going effort will be made to keep the studies uncolored of personal opinion and prejudice. Problems to be studied for the academic year are:

The Negro Rural School Teacher in Texas.

The Curricula of the Negro College in Texas.

The Status of Science in the Negro School in Texas.

Flora and Fauna in Waller County, Texas.

A System of Analysis for Soils in Waller County, Texas.

The Foreign Language Situation in Negro Schools.

Problems connected with the work at Prairie View are:

The Educational, Cultural and Economic Background of Freshmen.

Basic Causes of Student Mortality.

Personal Problems of the Teaching Staff.

ICE PLANT ENLARGED

The ice plant at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College is being enlarged to meet the growing demands and requirements of the college.

Originally the capacity of the ice plant was 5,000 pounds of ice daily. When the extension is completed the ice plant will have a daily output of 20,000 pounds an increase of 300 per cent. The total value of the plant will be increased to \$12,000.

An ice storage vault is also being built and will hold 20,000.

Maids and Matrons Club Congratulates Prof. C. H. Waller

164 N. 25th Street,
Paris, Texas,

November 8, 1928.

Prof. C. H. Waller,
Prairie View College,
Prairie View, Texas.

Dear Sir:

We, the members of the Busy Maids and Matrons Club gratefully received your letter of acknowledgment and the marked copy of "The Houston Informer."

In truth we are glad to have had the opportunity to share in relieving the distressed young women. Further we are glad that our donation was received in the same spirit in which we gave it.

As a group, we wish to congratulate you on the systematic manner in which you have gone about in relieving those who needed your aid.

Think upon us as friends to you and the school in your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Geneva M. Williams, Pres.

Mrs. Ophelia Wortham, Treas.

The above letter is the type of letters which the committee headed by Prof. C. H. Waller is receiving and is an evidence of how the funds for relief of those who lost in the recent hospital fire was disbursed and the appreciation of the contributors for the efficient service of the committee.

A Young Architect Arrives

A young architect, "Baby Fry," is a recent arrival at the home of Prof. and Mrs. L. E. Fry on North Campus.

A nine-pounder, vigorous and alert, it will not be long before young Fry will follow in the footsteps of his distinguished father into the corps of architectural engineers.

The Standard offers congratulations and best wishes and a friendly prophecy of a useful and distinguishable career.

MRS. M. S. BRANNON, R. N.

Succeeding Mrs. M. E. Brock, R. N., Mrs. M. S. Brannon has resumed her work as superintendent of nursing education at the college hospital. Mrs. Brannon is a graduate of the Gerard High School, Gerard, Alabama. She later graduated from the literary course of Tuskegee, and from the John Andrew Memorial Hospital of Tuskegee.